

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated hereafter. It is believed that the following amendments and additions add no new matter to the present application.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following section before the first line of the specification:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage application of International Application No. PCT/FR02/04589, filed December 30, 2002, which claims priority to FR 01/17102, filed December 28, 2001, both applications of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety into the present application.

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 1, line 22 as follows:

In completely independent manner, the invention also provides an intra-gastric balloon for treating obesity, for implanting in the stomach of a patient in order to reduce the volume of the stomach, said balloon comprising an outside wall for coming into contact with the wall of the stomach, the balloon subdividing the stomach into an upstream zone and a downstream zone in order to constitute a barrier for the passage of food between these two zones, the outside wall being shaped so as to co-operate with the wall of the stomach to define channels for passing food from the upstream zone to the downstream zone.

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 10, line 14 as follows:

Advantageously, the spacers 10 are formed by at least one, and preferably two, base plates 11 interconnected by a leg 12 forming the spacer proper, ~~the~~ ~~or~~ each base plate 11 being secured to the wall of a respective pouch 2, 20, e.g. by adhesive.

Please amend the paragraph starting on p. 16, line 21 as follows:

In order to overcome this difficulty, proposals have been made, as described in US patent No. ~~4 684 827~~ 4,694,827, for an intra-gastric balloon whose outside surface is provided with lobes, which are supposed to perform two functions: specifically